In Bloomington, Indiana on Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at 6:30pm, Council President Stephen Volan presided over a Regular Session of the Common Council. Per the Governor’s Executive Orders, this meeting was conducted electronically.

Councilmembers present via teleconference: Matt Flaherty, Isabel Piedmont-Smith, Dave Rollo, Kate Rosenbarger, Susan Sandberg, Sue Sgambelluri, Jim Sims, Ron Smith, Stephen Volan
Councilmembers absent: none

Council President Volan summarized the agenda.

There were no minutes for approval.

Rollo discussed continued Zoom usage when the council returned to in-person sessions, economic inequalities, and political polarity.

Sims discussed the continuation of Zoom usage, the usage of American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters, discrimination and an upcoming Public Safety Committee meeting.

Piedmont-Smith announced that the Bloomington Black Lives Matter movement was holding a Juneteenth celebration on June 19, 2020.

Volan thanked the Public Safety Committee and his preference to continue using Zoom in the future.

Mayor John Hamilton gave an update on the public health emergency, opening public buildings, IU students returning, new community rules, and city projects.

Beverly Calendar-Anderson, Director of Community and Family Resources Department, gave an update on the COVID-19 Social Services Working Group projects which included emergency food provisions, childcare, isolation shelter for persons experiencing homelessness, and personal health and safety.

There were no council committee reports.

Greg Alexander talked about economic disparities, systemic discrimination, and inequalities.

Randy Paul hoped the council would continue using Zoom in the future.

Jim Shelton asked the council and administration to continue to use the Zoom in the future.

There were no appointments to boards or commissions.

Piedmont-Smith moved and it was seconded that Ordinance 20-11 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. Chief Deputy Clerk Sofia McDowell read the legislation by title and synopsis, giving the committee do-pass recommendation of 9-0-0.
Piedmont-Smith moved and it was seconded that Ordinance 20-11 be adopted.

Alex Crowley, Director of Economic and Sustainable Development, presented the legislation to the council. Crowley discussed easing signage regulations to help businesses transition into opening while following safety requirements due to COVID-19. Crowley also discussed temporarily closing portions of Kirkwood Avenue to traffic to expand available seating in public areas.

There was council discussion related to location, capacity, revenue, car accessibility, and the length of time of the program.

Greg Alexander spoke in favor of the legislation.

Jim Shelton expressed his support for the proposed legislation.

There was additional council comment.

The motion to adopt Ordinance 20-11 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

Piedmont-Smith moved and it was seconded that Resolution 20-09 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only. The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. Chief Deputy Clerk McDowell read the legislation by title and synopsis, giving the committee do-pass recommendation of 9-0-0.

Piedmont-Smith moved and it was seconded that Resolution 20-09 be adopted.

Sandberg presented Resolution 20-09 on behalf of the Jack Hopkins Social Services Funding Committee. Sandberg said that funding allocations were divided based on the COVID-19 pandemic. Sandberg stated that the primary focus of the committee was food, shelter, and healthcare.

There was no council discussion.

Carole Canfield opposed the legislation.

Chris Connell opposed the legislation.

There was additional council comment.

The motion to adopt Resolution 20-09 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

There was no legislation for first reading.

There was no additional public comment.

Lucas reviewed the upcoming council schedule.
Sgambelluri moved and it was seconded to adjourn. The motion was approved by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT [8:05pm]

APPROVED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana upon this 16th day of December, [Year].

APPROVE:

[Signature]
Stephen Volan, PRESIDENT
Bloomington Common Council

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Nicole Bolden, CLERK
City of Bloomington